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Sir:

In response to the Ex parte Quayle action of 27 June 2008, please amend the above referenced application as follows and reconsider the application in light of the following remarks.

This paper includes (each beginning on a separate sheet):

- 1. Amendments to the Specification;**
- 2. Amendments to the claims;**
- 3. Remarks/Discussion of issues.**